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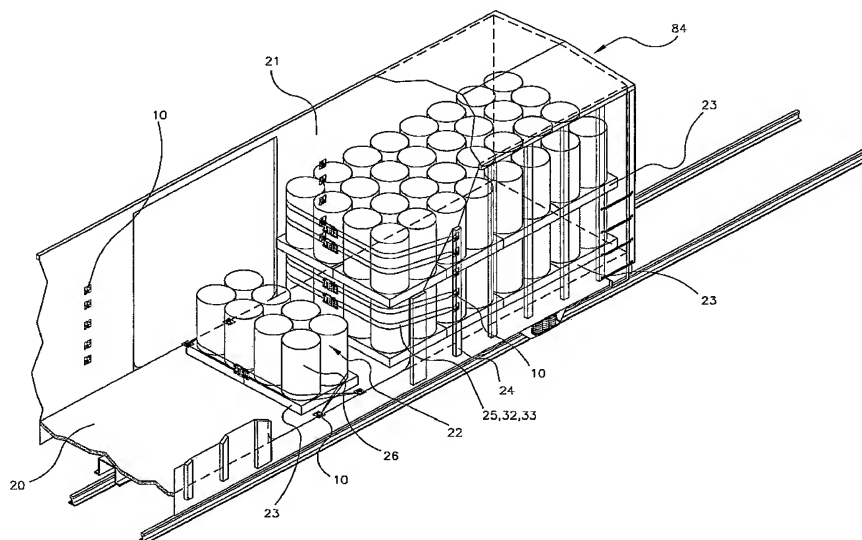
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(57) Abstract: An anchor (10) with a shaped aperture (15) that receives various and multiple types of tie straps (25)(32)(33) and strap hardware end comprised of straps of woven webbing with or without a hook or pin end, or straps of the one-time useable steel banding type. The tie strap (25)(32)(33) being held in place by the appropriate anchor provision and the said anchor being contained within a pocket in the wall (21) or floor (20) of railway box or flat car (84). Various industry lading tie straps, bands, strap end pin or strap end hooks already in use are allowed to be connected to the shaped aperture anchor. An appropriate ratchet inherent to the specific type of tie strap being used is operated to remove any remaining slack in the lading ties (25)(32)(33) and then apply the desired tension thereon to secure the lading to the railway car.

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